5367 करोड़ रुपए होने का अनुमान है ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) विदेशी ऋण पर ब्याज की दर शून्य प्रतिशत से लेकर 10.6 प्रतिशत तक है ।

Curtailment of inflation and currency in circulation

898. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 115 and 131 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had promised IMF that rate of inflation will not cross 9 per cent in 1991-92 and 6 per cent in 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons therefor;

(c) what is the increase in currency circulations during last three years;

(d) what is the total amount of currency in circulation today; and

(e) what are the norms for currency expansion and contraction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) In the memorandum on Economic Policies for 1991-92 and 1992-93 sent to the IMF in August 1991 for a stand-by arrangement with the Fund, inflation (end period) was targetted at 9 per cent for 1991-92 and 6 per cent for 1992-93.

(c) and (d) The amount of currency in circulation and increase in the currency circulation during the last 3 years are as under:—

Currency with public

(Rs. Crores)

1988-89 (March 31 to March 3)	Increase during 1989-90	1990-91	Total amount as on Jan. 24, 1992
4770	7971	6787	60109
(14.2%)	(20.8%)	(14.7%)	

(e) Level of currency with public depends primarily on the volume of transactions people like to make in cash and reflects their preference for cash as against deposits with banks, banking habits and overall monetisation of the economy.

Number of unelectrified villages in Tamil Nadu

899. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unelectrified villages in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(b) what is the number of villages in Tamil Nadu which have been electrified during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available information, only 16 villages (1981 Census) are yet to be electrified as on 31-3-91 in Tamil Nadu, of which 9 villages are treated as unihabited. The district-wise details of these unelectrified

villages are as under:—

Name of District	Total No. of un-electrified villages
(i) Chingleput . . .	1
(ii) North Arcot . . .	2
(iii) Tirunelveli . . .	2
(iv) Kanyakumari . . .	4
(v) Salem	7

(b) and (c) TNEB has reported electrification of 2 villages during 1990-91 while no village has been electrified during 1991-92.

Karbi-Longpi Power Project in Assam

900. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karbi-Longpi Hydro Power Project in Assam has not made further progress and its construction work has been stopped;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it will be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The Karbi Longpi Hydro-electric Project (2×50 MW) being executed by the Assam State Electricity Board was originally scheduled for completion in 1985-86. An expenditure of Rs. 107.52 crores has been incurred upto March, 1991. The execution of the project has been slow principally on account of poor performance of the contractor on the construction of the main dam.

(c) The Project is expected to be completed in 1994-95.

Commissioning of Amguri Power Projects

901. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage of the Amguri Power Project at present;

(b) by when the work on it would start;

(c) what is the total KW power this project will generate; and

(d) what is the proposed date of commissioning of this project

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The scheme for installation of a gas-based combined cycle power plant at Amguri (7×30 MW GT +4× 30 MW ST) was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in August, 1991 at an estimated cost of Rs. 408.25 Crores. The land for the project has already been acquired and the levelling work at site is in progress. On completion, the installed capacity of the project would be 360 MW. The commissioning scheduled of the project cannot be anticipated as the orders for the main plant and equipment have not been placed so far.

Financial assistance from World Bank for Subarnarekha Project

902. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Subarnarekha project was started with financial assistance from the World Bank;

(b) if so, what is the amount World Bank has spent for this project so far, and

(c) by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTEH OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No. Sir.